

Los Gatos Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan



POLICIES AND NETWORKS



Purpose of Tonight's Presentation

- Discuss framework of the potential vision, goals and policies for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Present preliminary network recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Discuss additional opportunities for community feedback – online engagement tool
- Present current timeline for development of Draft and Final Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan document
- Receive feedback from the BPAC and the community on goals/policies and network recommendations



Feedback for Network & Policy Enhancements

- Based on 870+ survey responses, feedback from BPAC, e-mails received on Town website, July 7th Community Meeting
 - Provide additional connections to the Los Gatos Creek Trail
 - Identify locations for new or improved connections across Highway 17
 - Provide improved wayfinding signage to major trail and recreational amenities
 - Assess opportunities for installation of pedestrian scale and/or safety lighting
 - Identify trail extensions, pavement upgrades, and widening locations at the Los Gatos Creek Trail
 - Evaluate opportunities for lowering of posted speed limits in school zones
 - Work with Caltrans to install pedestrian/bicycle improvements at on/off ramps.
 - Consider requesting Caltrans relinquishment of Highway 9



Goals/Policies in BPMP – Vision Statement

- Vision – Bicycling and walking will be safe, convenient, and comfortable for people of all ages/abilities, reducing reliance on the automobile and contributing to a healthy community.



Goals/Policies in BPMP – Education/Encouragement

- Education/Encouragement – Encourage the community to walk or ride a bike for recreation, transportation, and health, supporting safety education programs for all roadway users.



Goals/Policies in BPMP – Enforcement

- Enforcement – Promote safety for all road users through the enforcement of traffic codes for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.



Goals/Policies in BPMP – Accessibility/Connectivity

- Accessibility/Connectivity – Develop a network that ensures safe/convenient facilities, connecting to transit, employment, educational, cultural, recreational and shopping destinations.



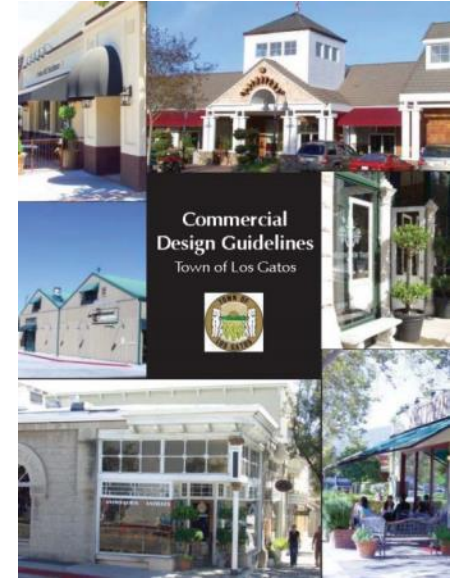
Goals/Policies in BPMP – Engineering

- Engineering – Provide high-quality and highly effective bicycle and pedestrian facilities to enhance the safety, comfort and convenience of people walking and bicycling.



Goals/Policies in BPMP – Development Standards

- Development Standards – Ensure that new development projects address bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and provide bicycle and pedestrian amenities.



Evaluation/Implementation

- Evaluation and Implementation Strategies – Develop effective programs and funding strategies, and establish clear roles/responsibilities for all relevant town departments.



Pedestrian Network Enhancements

- Establish criteria for enhancing crosswalks, including the incorporation of high-visibility striping and flashing beacons



Pedestrian Network Enhancements

- Incorporate safety improvements at intersections, including removal or modification of free right turn “pork chop” islands, and improve curb ramps



Pedestrian Network Enhancements

- Support infill of sidewalks and upgrade lighting along school walking routes, arterial roadways, and in mixed-use neighborhoods

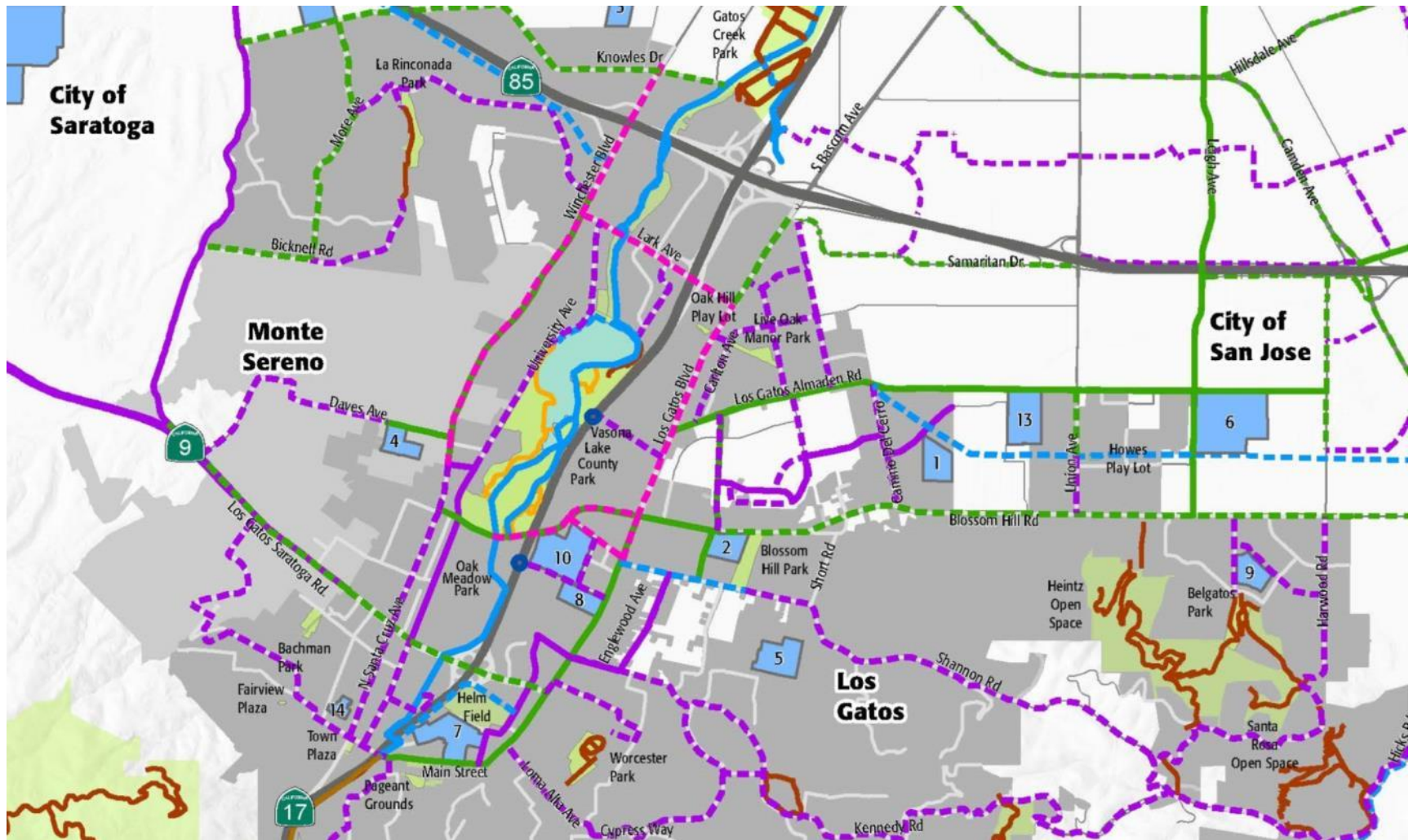


Pedestrian Network Enhancements

- Consider the installation of pedestrian pathways (where sidewalk installation may not be feasible)



Bicycle Network Enhancements



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Bicycle Network Enhancements

- Improve existing bicycle lanes and expand installation of green bike lanes. Support widening and parking restrictions to expand network, and maintenance standards



Bicycle Network Enhancements

- Convert select marked bicycle lanes to separated or buffered bicycle lanes



Bicycle Network Enhancements

- Install new bicycle facilities – dedicated bikeways, bike lanes and bike routes

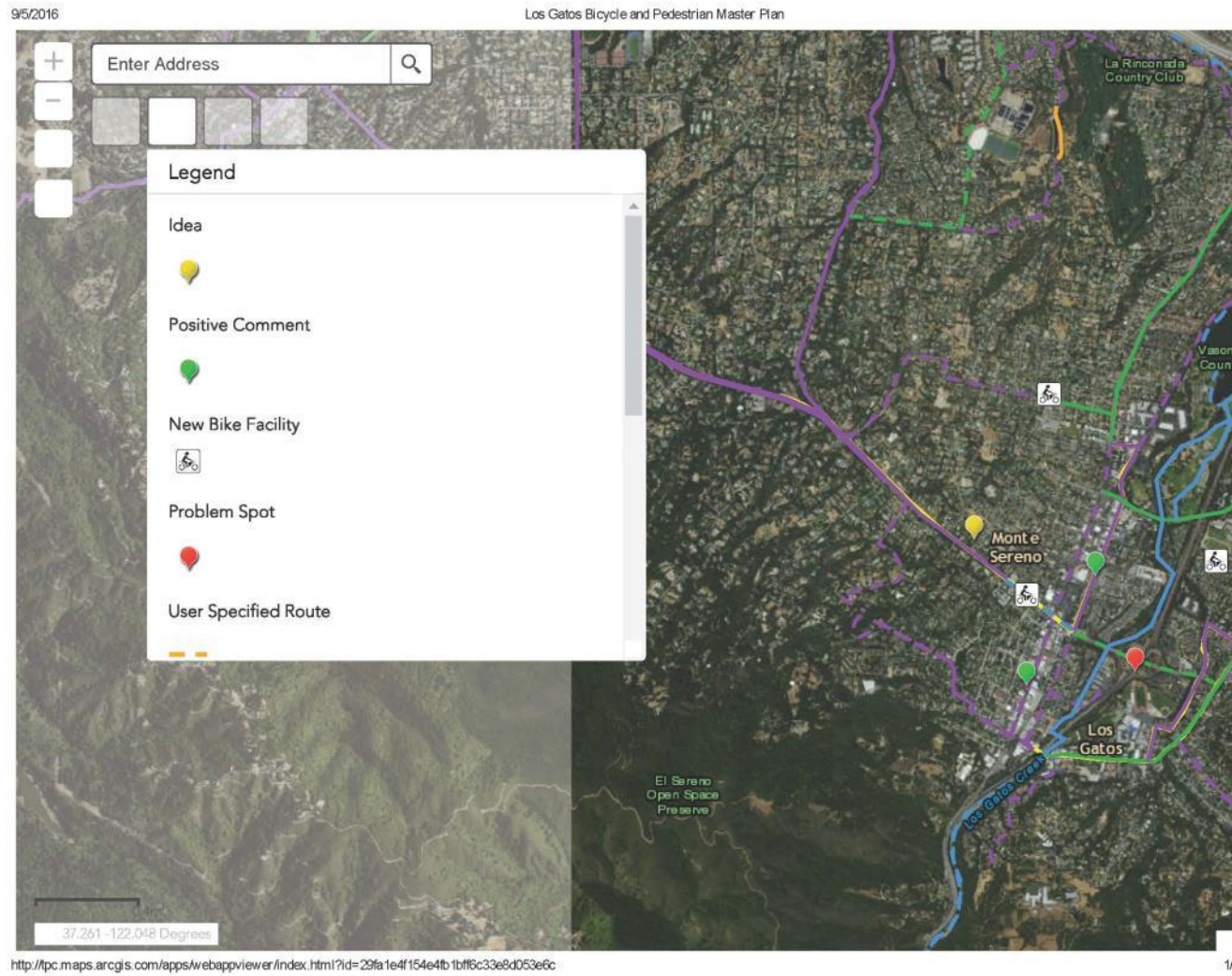


Bicycle Network Enhancements

- Improve detection technology at signalized intersections for bicyclists



Online Engagement Tool



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Next Steps

- BPAC Update on BPMP – October 2016
- BPAC Review of Draft Final Plan
 - Study Session November 2016
 - Final Review/Community Meeting December 2016
- Park Commission Review of Draft Final Plan – December 2016
- Parking/Transportation Commission Review of Draft Final Plan – December 2016
- Planning Commission Review of Draft Final Plan – December 2016
- Town Council Approval of Final Plan – January 2017



Questions/Comments?

Thank You!

